



# ALASKA

## Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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### **Coalition Type**

Domestic violence/sexual assault

### **Year Formed**

1977

### **Year Incorporated**

1978

### **Staff**

1.5 full-time-equivalent staff members

### **Fiscal Year**

July 1994 - June 1995

## Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

### Member Programs and Services

All 21 domestic violence and sexual assault programs operating in Alaska are members of this coalition. Seventeen of these programs focus on both sexual assault and domestic violence rather than just one or the other. When asked to indicate what percentage of program services were dedicated to each cause, most dual programs indicated that 70-90 percent of their work is dedicated to domestic violence. For some programs, however, efforts are divided evenly between domestic violence and sexual assault.

Among the 21 programs, special service components exist for native Alaskans, rural populations, and batterers and battered women who are in prison. At one program, bilingual staff is available to work with those who speak Yubic. More detailed information about the numbers of programs offering specific domestic violence services like support groups, training for professionals, and community education is shown in exhibit 1. Almost all of the services listed below are offered by over half of the coalition's members except transitional/second-stage housing and treatment for batterers.

**Exhibit 1. Number of coalition member programs (N=21) offering various domestic violence services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
19	Independently run domestic violence hotline
16	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
17	Support group for women
14	Legal advocacy program
15	Medical advocacy program
13	Specific support program for sheltered children
15	Services for non-sheltered children
17	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
12	Education programs in colleges or universities
19	Community education/speakers bureau
17	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
5	Transitional/second-stage housing
5	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
7	Other services ( <i>employment assistance, financial aid, referrals for batterers, groups held at substance abuse recovery program, therapy group, child care and food program including the administration of the Women/Infants/Children (WIC) program, continuing education/college credit courses, court watch program, crisis intervention, and group counseling</i> )

In addition to their domestic violence work, most of the Alaska coalition's members also offer some sexual assault programming. The services offered by the coalition's 17 dual programs and 1 sexual assault program are detailed in exhibit 2. The most commonly offered services include one-on-one counseling, adult and child accompaniment and advocacy, and community education/speakers bureaus. Least commonly offered are treatment or rehabilitation for offenders and secondary support for spouses, partners, and parents of victims.

**Exhibit 2. Number of coalition member programs (N=18)  
offering various sexual assault services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
16	Independently run sexual assault hotline
17	One-on-one counseling
11	Support group for adult women
4	Support group for teenage girls
2	Support group for male victims
12	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
1	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
4	Secondary support group for parents of victims
17	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
17	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
15	Legal advocacy program
15	Medical advocacy program
16	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
9	Education programs in colleges or universities
17	Community education/speakers bureau
16	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
16	Technical assistance
1	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
5	Other services ( <i>referral for offenders; individual help for spouses and parents; therapy groups; individual support for victims; a sexual assault response team (SART) comprised of a victim advocate, sexual assault nurse examiner, and a law enforcement officer; continuing education, and court observer program</i> )

## Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition Operations

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault dedicated a little over half of its labors to services advocacy and systems advocacy. An additional 20 percent of work was spent on the administrative tasks associated with running the coalition itself. Smaller portions of effort were dedicated to direct services, statewide planning, and public awareness. See figure 1 for the estimated percentages of effort that were spent on the various endeavors.

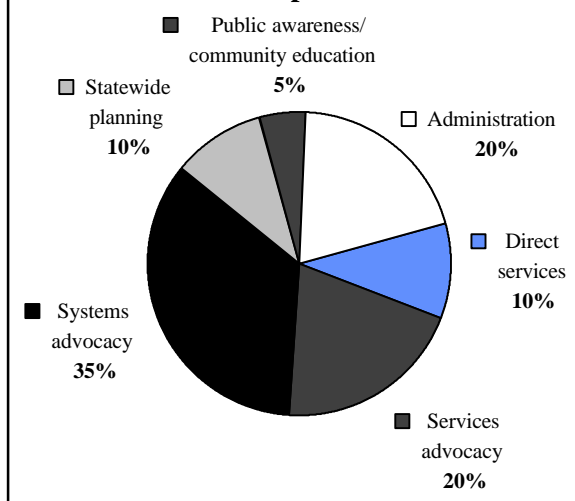
## Special Projects of the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition

No special projects undertaken for fiscal 1994-95 were reported by the coalition.

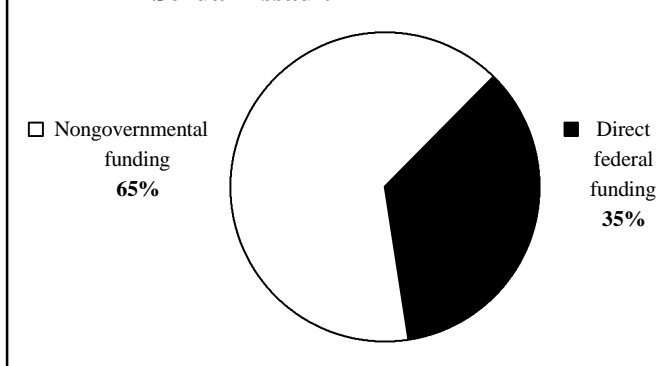
## Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition Funding

In fiscal 1994-95, this coalition relied on funding received directly from the federal government and received from nongovernmental sources. The total funds that were available place the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in the second quartile (\$70,001-\$175,000) as compared to other coalitions nationwide that focus only on domestic violence. The funds available to the coalition were spent to support its work or retained for future fiscal years. No funds were passed to local programs through the coalition.

**Figure 1. Percentage of effort allocated at the domestic violence/sexual assault coalition level among various operations**



**Figure 2. Funding sources and percentage of funds: Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**



As shown in figure 2, nongovernmental sources were this coalition's most significant benefactor. The federal government directly provided slightly more than one-third of the coalition's revenue.

## Federal and State Funding

Like other coalitions, Alaska's network of programs received a state coalition grant that is made possible by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) (exhibit 3). This was the only governmental funding received by the coalition in fiscal 1994-95. No state funds were received.

<b>Exhibit 3. Sources of government funding reported by the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault</b>	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State funding or state-administered federal funding</u>
Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state coalition grant	None

## Nongovernmental Funding Sources

Local program dues contributed the most, by far, to the nongovernmental pool of money available to this coalition (exhibit 4). A small portion of funds also came from private donations. Several sources classified as "other" contributed substantially to the operating budget of the Alaska coalition. These sources include health insurance program administration, conference income, interest earned, and Alaska Community Share.

<b>Exhibit 4. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault</b>	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
Private donations	<1%
Local program dues	67%
Other nongovernmental sources	32%

\*Nongovernmental funding was 65% of total funding.

## Alaska State Government Agencies

One Alaska government agency administers funds for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention. That agency, the Department of Public Safety, points out that most of the programs that it funds provide some level of service for both domestic violence and sexual assault. Just one program is dedicated exclusively to one issue, sexual assault.

**Alaska Department of Public Safety,  
Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**

**Fiscal year: July 1994 - June 1995**

In all, the Department of Public Safety distributed \$5,914,000 to address domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska. This agency oversaw the state's funds acquired through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant and through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). Together, the two federal sources contributed \$525,000 to domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention in Alaska. State funds totaling \$5,389,000 also flowed through this agency. These funds were drawn from a permanent fund of dividends withheld from felons and from tax revenues/general fund.

Most of the available money was given to local nonprofit agencies that collectively received \$5,683,000. A somewhat smaller portion, totaling \$230,000, went to local government agencies.

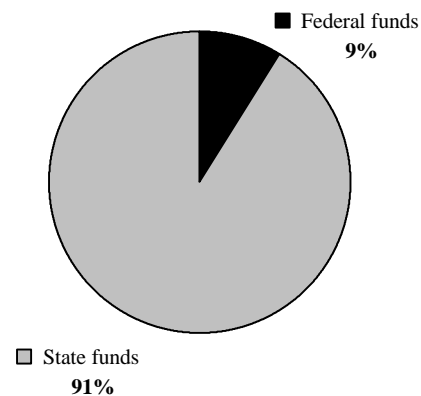
**Federal and State Funding Reported by  
Alaska State Government Agencies**

State funds drawn from dividends withheld from felons and from tax revenues comprised 91 percent of the funds administered by the Alaska state government to address violence against women (figure 3). The remaining 9 percent of funding included the state's formula grant and funds acquired through VOCA. Exhibit 5 offers more specific information about the amounts of state and federal funding the Department of Public Safety oversees.

**Exhibit 5. Federal and state funding totals  
reported by Alaska state agencies**

Federal	\$525,000
State	\$5,389,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,914,000</b>

**Figure 3. Percentage of federal and state funds for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention administered by Alaska state agencies**

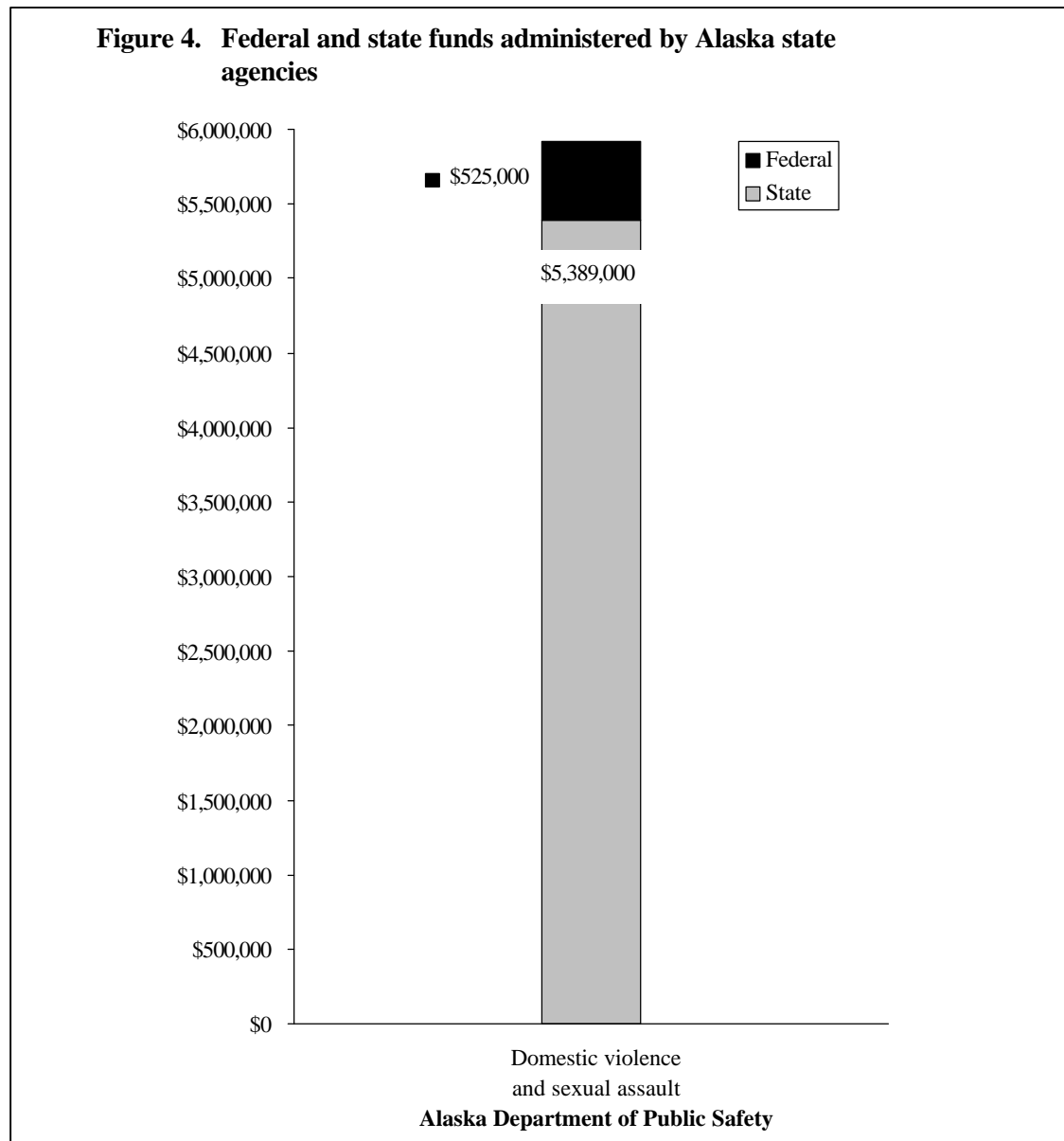


The Department of Public Safety administers the FVPSA state formula grant and VOCA funds (exhibit 6). In addition, some state funds designated for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention are administered by this office.

**Exhibit 6. Sources of government funding reported  
by Alaska state agencies**

<u>Federal funds</u>	<u>State funds</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA) state formula grant - \$200,000</li> <li>Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds - \$325,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax revenues/general funds - \$4,549,000</li> <li>Permanent fund of dividends withheld from felons - \$840,000</li> </ul>

The governmental funds administered by the Department of Public Safety are depicted in figure 4. As noted earlier, the bulk of the funds distributed by this agency was supplied by the state of Alaska. The state agency could not specify which funds ultimately served domestic violence concerns and which served sexual assault concerns. As a result, the two are combined in figure 4.



## Distribution of State-Administered Funds

The Alaska Department of Public Safety administers funds to address both issues. However, the two are so interrelated--often addressed within a single program--that the department was unable to distinguish funds spent on one from those spent on the other. Therefore, all of the funds distributed by this agency are reported in figure 5 as going toward domestic violence, although money was also devoted to sexual assault services and prevention.

